

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2163 - SB 2157

February 3, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires TCAP testing for non-public high school students, as well as public high school students, including home school students affiliated with a non-public school.

Present law requires subject matter proficiency testing and comprehensive assessment testing (TCAP) for high school students.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$900,000

Increase State Revenues - \$900,000

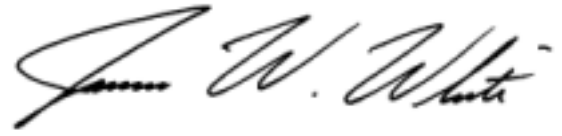
Estimate based on the following:

- There are approximately 30,000 students in grades 9-12 in category 1-5 private schools who are currently not being tested.
- The number of home school students not being tested is unknown; however, less than 300 home school students took the test in FY2002-03.
- Category 1, 2 and 3 schools are allowed to use the state tests but are required to reimburse the State for that cost. Some of these non-public schools are using the state tests and some of them are not. The state is currently being reimbursed an average of approximately \$30 per student in grades 9-12 for those who are being tested. This cost includes the cost to distribute, score, and return the tests to LEAs.
- Therefore, the total cost to the state to provide these tests for the 30,000 additional non-public students would be \$900,000 with a corresponding amount (\$900,000) being reimbursed to the State by the non-public schools that are testing their students.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director